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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION, UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

In response to an Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, made final, Applicant respectfully submits the following response after final action, under 37 CFR §1.116, and a Declaration by Dr. Jeffrey Bartz, under 37 CFR §1.131. Note that the Bartz Declaration makes reference to a Hilliard paper as Exhibit A. Only the title page of Exhibit A (a 31 page document, including title page, preface, etc.) is transmitted with the Declaration, herewith. A copy of this same document was made of record when it was submitted by Applicants in prosecution of the present application, with an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the Bartz Declaration and reconsideration of all of the pending claims of the present application, in view of the Declaration and the following remarks.